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CHURCHILL DOWNS TO HONOR SHANTEL LANERIE WITH MOMENT OF SILENCE, 'MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME' SATURDAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 23, 2018) – Friends, family and horsemen will honor **Shantel Lanerie**, the beloved wife of jockey **Corey Lanerie** and devoted mother of their 10-year-old daughter **Brittlyn**, with a moment of silence in the Churchill Downs Winner's Circle following Saturday's seventh race, which has a post time of 3:50 p.m. (all times Eastern). After the moment of silence, bugler **Steve Buttlerman** will perform a soft version of "My Old Kentucky Home" in Shantel's honor.

Corey, who is not riding Saturday, is expected to be on hand and will be joined in the winner's circle by his fellow riders.

Shantel passed away late Friday afternoon at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky. She was 42.

Shantel Lanerie was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer earlier this year and had been undergoing chemotherapy treatments to battle the disease. She was admitted to the hospital Thursday to treat what was diagnosed as sepsis – a severe infection – and underwent emergency surgery that evening. Sadly, her courageous fight ended Friday.

Friends from all around the horse racing industry took to social media Friday evening to describe how much Shantel meant to their lives.

"When I left Louisiana for a move to Kentucky, Shantel made sure I spent every holiday with them, was well fed and kept Corey in line," Churchill Downs' Gary Palmisano said. "She was literally like a second mom to me and many of us."

"Terribly sad for my friend Corey Lanerie," trainer **Brendan Walsh** said. "Prayers for him and Brittlyn. Rest in peace, Shantel. What a beautiful and lovely lady. You'll never be forgotten!"

"I promise you we will wrap our arms around Corey and Brittlyn," said **Jamie Hernandez**, wife of Churchill Downs' leading rider **Brian Hernandez Jr.** "You will never be forgotten. Life will never be the same without your friendship, guidance and endless support."

"You taught me so much about being a mom and about life," **Paige Albarado**, wife of jockey **Robby Albarado** said. "I promise to show Brittlyn all the love you showed me and so many others. You have touched so many lives and made so many friends. We promise we won't let you down. Brittlyn is as strong as you."

A funeral in Louisiana followed by a memorial service in Louisville is pending.

STAKES PROBABLES: Closing day of the 2018 Spring Meet will feature three stakes races: the Grade III, \$100,000 Bashford Manor for 2-year-olds at six furlongs; \$100,000 Debutante for 2-year-old fillies at six furlongs; and \$70,000-added Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at seven furlongs.

Bashford Manor probable entrants: **Baytown Glory** (trainer Paul McEntee), **Dalliance** (Wayne Rice), **Mr Chocolate Chip** (Coty Davidson), **Mr Wrench It** (Davidson), **Mr. Granite** (Rice), **Overanalyzer** (Elliott), **Shanghaied Roo** (Bret Calhoun), **Tales of Chaucer** (Norm Casse) and **Weiland** (John Ennis).

Debutante probable entrants: **Beach Getaway** (Ben Colebrook), **Miss Mission** (Kevin Rice), **Payntermaniac** (Ennis), **Restless Rider** (Kenny McPeck) and **Shanghai Rain** (Calhoun).

Kelly's Landing probable entrants: **Awesome Saturday** (Calhoun), **Chief Cicatriz** (Shawn Davis), **Cool Arrow** (Joe Sharp), **Harmac** (Grant Forster) and **Warrior's Club** (D. Wayne Lukas).

DOWN THE STRETCH – There is a \$17,634 carryover in Saturday's 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot which begins in Race 6 at 3:18 p.m. ... Sunday is **Family Adventure Day presented by Kroger**. In partnership with the **Louisville Sports Commission**, this Family Adventure Day encourages kids to seek out healthy, active outdoor activities and embrace local parks, forests and other public lands. There are more than 20 activities children under 12 can enjoy. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.churchilldowns.com/tickets.

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